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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): PROCESS FOR LABELING A NUCLEIC ACIDBy (Inventors): Ali LAAYOUN, Lionel MENOUD, Christelle TORA, Aloke R. BANERJEE, Michael M. BECKER, Kenneth A. BROWNE, Matthew C. FRIEDENBERG and Fred F. HAJJAR

Formal drawings (Figs. ____; ____ sheets) are attached.
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
 An assignment of the invention to BIO MERIEUX and GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED is filed herewith.
 An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
 Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
 A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
 Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/172,136, filed December 17, 1999--
 Priority of foreign application(s) No. ____ filed ____ in ____ is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
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